

Verizon focuses on jobs for veterans, military spouses

Verizon employs nearly 12,000 veterans—and it also has a program to put the spouses of active-duty military members to work. It helps military spouses find Verizon jobs at locations near where their husbands or wives are assigned.

The firm hires more than 500 veterans a year. Verizon President Al Torres has said veterans bring mission-driven attitudes, technical skills, leadership potential and lots of training to the telecommunications company.

The organization also has a Veteran Advisory Board to recognize, mentor and develop veterans who are employees, and an emergency leave benefit that allows employees in the National Guard or Reserve to collect the difference between military pay and their full-time salaries, along with health care and other benefits for up to three years.

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